21 November 1953

MEMORANDOM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Supergrades for the Department of State and the Operations Coordinating Board.

1. On 19 November 1953 Sr. Jemes J. Byrnes, Department of State, discussed with me the possibility of providing grade OS-16 and 05-17 positions to the Department to be occupied by STATINTL respectively. He explained that General Smith was interested STATINTL in this matter, that devoted most of his time to liaison with the Office of the Deputy Director (Plane), and that it was expect-STATINTL ed that would spend full time working with General Smith on the Operations Coordinating Board.

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2. I advised ar. Hyrnes that it was illegal for us to furnish supergrades to other Covernment agencies and told him that in view of the justification which he had offered for CIA providing a supergrade STATINTL position for I I felt that it would be impossible and certainly would not be agreed to by the Bureau of the Budget. Mr. Byrnes indicated that he concurred and would not pursue this further.

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3. With reference to the I amount of I told Mr. Byrnes that if Mr. were employed on the staff of the Executive Officer, Operations Coordinating Board, with the full concurrence of the Bureau of the Budget I did not believe that CLA would offer any objection, as long as the master of supergrades agreed to by CLA, the OCB, and the Bureau of the Budget for allocation to the Board was not exceeded. I informed him that I had no objection to his discussing the matter with Mr. Executive Officer, Operations Coordinating Board, and the Buream of the Budget, but that I would want to touch base with the Director before finally committing the to such an agreement.

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